(c) whether the same category of staff as in (b) also leave dispensaries between 12.30 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. daily;

(d) whether such staff do not attend the patients while taking tea and organising staff tea-parties during dispensary timings;

(e) whether Government propose to ask concerned authorities to make frequent surprise visits and contact the patients to verify these reports; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No, Sir.

(e) Frequent surprise visits are being done regularly by the concerned authorities. Patients are also asked about the functioning of dispensaries.

(f) The question does not arise.

Transport and other facilities at Tourist Places

1511. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is irregular transport, inadequate tourist literature and absence of amenities like toilets etc. at the places of tourist interest which are hindering the tourists as such they would not like to visit such places at all; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to remove these difficulties without causing financial burden on it so that tourists visit the places unhampered?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFIARS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Inadequate infrastructural facilities is the primary constraint in the development of tourism at a few places of tourist interest in the country.

The development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, based on the specific proposal received from the State/Union Territory Governments, Central financial assistance is extended to them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

Bridge Loan to M.S. Shoes Ltd. by Allahabad Bank

1512. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 936 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 1995 and state:

(a) whether the allegation as reported in the news-item in 'Asian Age' dated 17th June, 1995 has been enquired into;

(b) whether the Board note prepared for the meeting on 28th January, 1995 was for a sanction of Rs. 10 crore;

(c) whether the recommendation for the enhancement to Rs. 20 crore by Industrial Finance branch of the bank was received on 31st January, 1995, at Head Office; and

(d) if so, on what basis the loan amount was increased to Rs. 20 crore in the Board meeting on 28th January, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that scrutiny conducted by it has revealed that the sanction of bridge loan of Rs. 20 crore to M/s. M.S. Shoes East Ltd. (MSEL) was given by the Board of Directors of Allahabad Bank after due consideration. However, certain deficiencies were pointed out in the system and procedures followed by the Allahabad Bank in regard to memorandum put up before the Board. Comments of the Chairman and Managing Director of the Bank in this regard have been obtained and are under examination in RBI.